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APPLICANT(S): Barron et al. CONFIRMATION NO.: 1361
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/804,498 ART UNIT: 3731
FILING DATE: March 12, 2001 EXAMINER: D. Davis
TITLE: *Bone Anchor Protective Cover*

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EXAMINING GROUP NO. 3731**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response.

Applicants believe that no fees are necessitated by the present Amendment. However, in the event that fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Prior to further examination of this application, please amend claims 1, 6, and 19 as follows:

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